



**EXHIBIT C:  
PENDING CLAIMS  
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**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method for the prevention or treatment of a neurodegenerative condition comprising administering peripherally to a mammal an effective non-toxic amount of EPO.
2. The method of Claim 1 wherein said condition is the result of neurodegenerative disease.
3. The method of Claim 1 wherein said excitable tissue is central nervous system tissue or peripheral nervous system tissue.
4. The method of Claim 1 wherein said administration comprises oral, topical, intraluminal or by inhalation or parenteral administration.
5. The method of Claim 4 wherein said parenteral administration is intravenous, intraarterial, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, submucosal or intradermal.
6. The method of Claim 1 wherein said administration is acute or chronic.
8. The method of Claim 1 wherein said EPO is administered at a dose greater than the dose necessary to maximally stimulate erythropoiesis.
9. The method of Claim 1 wherein said EPO is a recombinant form thereof.